Eisenhower 1/17/61:

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. . . .

He should know, for aside from his own military career during his administration, direct, total defense expenditures have reached $350 billion, almost double that of the Truman admin, which was at war — Eisenhower wasn't. (all three wars and end of WW II)